

CONVEYOR SAFETY TIPS for Supervisors

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Supervisors are exposed to more conveyor hazards than most mine employees and are involved in more accidents.

Conveyors can be Deadly

Between 1990 and 1997, conveyors were involved in 40 mining deaths. Supervisors are among the most frequent victims of conveyors. Two supervisors died and 25 were permanently disabled as a result of conveyor accidents. You can help yourself and others work safer and live longer. When near conveyors, watch for their hazards and work safely.

**Conveyors can grab you
...don't get caught up.**

Working smart

- **Examine** each work place every shift for unsafe conditions.
- **Lock out** the conveyor power switch and **tag it** before you work on that conveyor.
- **Align the belt** from a safe place and only after you're sure the conveyor can't grab you.
- **Make sure guards are in place.** Guards make conveyors safer.
- **Don't try to dislodge rocks** from pulleys while the conveyor is running.
- **Return idlers look safe, but they can hurt you.** Never try to repair or adjust them while the conveyor is running.
- **Stay clear of suspended loads** when installing or repairing a conveyor.
- **Conveyor stop cords** are for your safety. Check them periodically to make sure they actually work.
- **Use a harness or safety belt and line** when working where you can fall from a conveyor.
- **A clean walkway means a safer walk.** Keep conveyor walkways clear. Cross conveyors only at crossovers.

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